Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Material to be inserted is in **underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[ ]].

1   1. (Currently amended) A method for computer networking, comprising:

2   receiving a request for a web resource from a remote client;

3   sending a message to initiate a page rendering process at the remote client, **wherein**

4   **content of the message is independent of the request**;

5   processing the request;

6   sending the requested response to the client.

1   2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the web resource is a new web page.

1   3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the web resource is statically generated.

1   4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the web resource is encoded in an HTML

2   file.

1   5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the web resource is dynamically generated.

1   6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the web resource is encoded in an XML

2   file.

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1   7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the request is received at a server.

1   8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the server is a first server configured to act

2   as a proxy between the client and a second server configured to serve the requested web

3   resource.

1   9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the first server is configured to accelerate

2   the time it takes for the client to download the requested web resource from the second server.

1   10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the message is an application level

2   message.

1   11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the message is an initial generic portion

2   of the response.

1   12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the message includes the first byte of the

2   message.

1   13. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the message includes the first four bytes

2   of the message.

1   14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the message is **limited to** the

2   first byte of the message.

1   15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the message is **limited to** the

2   first four bytes of the message.

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1   16. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the request is received after executing a

2 TCP handshake.

1   17. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the message is an "H".

1   18. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the message is an "HTTP".

1   19. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the message begins with an "H".

1   20. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the message begins with an "HTTP".

1   21. (Original) A method for computer networking, comprising;

2   receiving multiple requests from one or more remote clients, each request being

3 for a web resource;

4   sending a generic message to each client before processing the request;

5   processing the request; and

6   sending a response to each client including at least a portion of the requested web

7 resource.

1   22. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the message is an application level

2 message.

1   23. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein the message is an IPR message.

1   24. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein the message is an initial generic portion

2 of the response.

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1   25. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein the message includes the first byte of the

2   message.

1   26. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the request is sent after executing a TCP

2   handshake.

1   27. (Original) The method of claim 26 wherein the message includes an "H".

1   28. (Original) The method of claim 26 wherein the message includes an "HTTP".

1   29. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the message includes a modified version

2   of the requested web resource.

1   30.   (Currently Amended) A networking device for use on a computer network

2   connecting a web server and a remote client, wherein the remote client is configured to download

3   a web resource from the web server via the computer network and display the web resource via a

4   browser, the device comprising, a controller configured to:

5   receive multiple requests from one or more remote clients, each request being for a web

6   resource;

7   send a **generic** message to initiate the page rendering process at the browser of the

8   remote client to each of the clients in response to, and before processing, the request, and

9   send the requested web resource to the client via the computer network.

1   31. (Original) A system for use with a computer network to which a plurality of remote

2   clients are connected, the system comprising a server configured to receive a request for a web

3   resource from a remote client and, prior to processing the request, send to the remote client a

4   message adapted to initiate a page rendering process.

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1   32. (Original) The system of claim 31 wherein the server is a web server.

1   33. (Original) The system of claim 31 wherein the server is a first server configured to

2   act as a proxy between the remote clients and a second server configured to serve the requested

3   web resource.

1   34. (Original) The system of claim 33 wherein the first and second server are connected

2   via a local area network.

1   35. (Original) The system of claim 31 wherein the page rendering process is initialized

2   by an application level message.

1   36. (Original) The method of claim 35 wherein the message is an initial generic portion

2   of the response.

1   37. (Original) The method of claim 36 wherein the message includes the first byte of the

2   message.

1   38. (Original) The method of claim 37 wherein the message is an "H".

1   39. (Original) The method of claim 38 wherein the message is an "HTTP".

1   40. (Currently amended) A system for use in computer networking, the system

2   comprising:

3   a computer network;

4   a web server;

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5   a remote client configured to request a web resource from the web server via the

6   computer network; and

7   an acceleration device positioned intermediate the web server and the remote

8   client on the computer network; the acceleration device being configured to, upon receipt of the

9   request, send an application level, **request-independent** message to the remote client before

10   processing the request.

1   41.   (Original) The system of claim 40 wherein the acceleration device is further

2   configured to accelerate transmission of the web resource from the web.

1   42.   (Original) The system of claim 40 wherein the application level message is an IPR

2   message.

1   43.   (Currently amended) An article comprising: a storage medium having a plurality of

2   machine-readable instructions, wherein when the instructions are executed by a computing

3   system, the instructions provide for:

4   receiving multiple requests from one or more clients; each client configured to display a

5   web resource via a browser and each request being for a web resource;

6   sending, in response to, and before processing of, the request, a **generic** message adapted

7   to initiate a page rendering process at the browser;

8   processing the request by obtaining the requested web resource;

9   sending the requested web resource to each of the clients.

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